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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson et al. (U.S. Patent 5,465,404/ or "Thompson") in view of Toya (U.S. Patent 4,363,935).

Regarding claims 1, 16, 18 and 20, Thompson discloses a software portable telephone set (Fig. 5 and col. 9/lines 13-30 for a detachable module 100 containing software applications) comprising a detachable transmitting function part (Fig. 10 with a transceiver 104 within a detachable module 100 for providing transmitting function) and transmitting and receiving circuits capable of being reconfigured afresh with software program updating, wherein the transmission circuit is reconfigured afresh in relation to the mounting and demounting of said transmitting function part, i.e., the detachable module 100 comprises transmitting and receiving circuits (as illustrated in Fig. 10 with a transmitter and a receiver; and in Fig. 8 with a wireless radio communication 90 with antenna 92) can be removed or inserted into the body of the cellular phone 50 and by the mounting and demounting of a transmitting function part, software

can be updated accordingly to a transmission system, for instance, to cope with different communication systems (see col. 3/line 52 to col. 4/line 23).

Thompson does not further address the step of wherein said detachable transmitting function part “conditions a transmission frequency signal received from said transmitting circuit”; however, Toya teaches a same technique that a mobile phone 3 including a wireless detachable transmitting part (Fig. 1 with a detachable transmitting part 4), and the transmitter 4 conditions the transmission frequency signal as the detachable part connected and removed from the mobile phone 3 as the transmission level detector 10 detects the voice signals picked up from microphone 15 and amplifies it using amplifier 9 before transmitting the signals using antenna 1 (Fig. 1 & 2 and col. 2/lines 30-62). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Thompson’s system with Toya’s disclosed technique in providing a detachable transmitter in order to provide a convenient mobile telephone set that conditions a transmission frequency signal as the detachable transmitting part is reconfigured afresh in relation to the mounting and demounting of the transmitting part as taught by Toya, i.e., whether the user places the transmitter part attached or detached to the mobile device (col. 7/lines 50-62). This is also served as a motivation for having a detachable transmitting part within the mobile telephone device.

Regarding claims 2 and 4, in further view of claim 1 above, Toya further discloses wherein the transmitting function is provided by a detachable module for transmitting “a modulated output analog signal” and comprise one of “a demodulator” or “a modulator” and a baseband signal processing portion (Fig. 3 and col. 2/line 63 to col. 3/line 6).

As for claim 3, in further view of claim 1 above, Thompson further discloses “wherein the transmitting and receiving circuits comprise a software memory part for executing signal conversion processing, programs transferred from a program memory being set in the software memory part”, i.e., a resident memory 84 or 284 (same function in both Figs. 7 & 8) contains

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resident applications and core software programs within communication device 50 (col. 9/lines 30-48 & col. 10/lines 13-25) for executing signal conversion processing, as to handle complex digital information via a modem communication between processor 80 and external sources (col. 10/lines 26-43) as well as handling the encoding or decoding information between processor 80 and resident memory 84 via bus 64 (col. 9/lines 37-48), and programs transferred is addressed in the memory upload and download from application modules 100 and utility programs for operation the processor 80 and the digital signal processor DSP 76 (col. 10/lines 55-65).

As for claim 6, in further view of claim 1 above, Thompson discloses “wherein the transmitting and receiving circuits comprise a software memory part for executing signal conversion processing, programs transferred from a program memory being set in the software memory part and a plurality of programs for commanding signal conversion processing are stored in the program memory”, i.e., a resident memory 84 or 284 (same function in both Figs. 7 & 8) contains resident applications and core software programs within communication device 50 (col. 9/lines 30-48 & col. 10/lines 13-25) for executing signal conversion processing, as to handle complex digital information via a modem communication between processor 80 and external sources (col. 10/lines 26-43) as well as handling the encoding or decoding information between processor 80 and resident memory 84 via bus 64 (col. 9/lines 37-48), and programs transferred from a program memory (Fig. 8/item 184) is addressed in the memory upload and download from application modules 100 and utility programs for operation the processor 80 and the digital signal processor DSP 76 (col. 10/lines 55-65) and a plurality of programs for commanding signal conversion processing are stored in the program memory (Fig. 10, and col. 14/line 45 to col. 15/line 47 for examples of programs stored in program memory 184 for signal conversion processing to different applications).

As for claim 7, in further view of claim 1 above, Thompson discloses “wherein the transmitting and receiving circuits comprise a software memory part for executing signal

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conversion processing, programs transferred from a program memory being set in the software memory part and the software memory provides commands according to a program transferred from the program memory according to a system switching command”, i.e., a resident memory 84 or 284 (same function in both Figs. 7 & 8) contains resident applications and core software programs within communication device 50 (col. 9/lines 30-48 & col. 10/lines 13-25) for executing signal conversion processing, as to handle complex digital information via a modem communication between processor 80 and external sources (col. 10/lines 26-43) as well as handling the encoding or decoding information between processor 80 and resident memory 84 via bus 64 (col. 9/lines 37-48), and programs transferred from a program memory (Fig. 8/item 184) is addressed in the memory upload and download from application modules 100 and utility programs for operation the processor 80 and the digital signal processor DSP 76 (col. 10/lines 55-65); and Thompson inherently teaches the software memory provides commands according to a program transferred from the software source memory according to a system switching command because different networks provides different protocols are under the control or command of the system facility 22 for switching or change systems, for instance, different modules contains different software source memory according to that system for the portable set to cope with either a PBX system or a wireless cellular system (Fig. 1, col. 16/lines 23-35 and col. 17/line 63 to col. 18/line 17).

Regarding claim 8, Thompson discloses “a portable telephone set comprising: a body, a transmitting circuit within said body; and a transmission function unit for performing a specified transmission process and being detachably mounted to said body of the portable telephone set, wherein an operation of the transmission function unit is determined on the basis of a predetermined software program which is selected”, i.e., a portable telephone set (Fig. 5 and col. 9/lines 13-30 for a detachable module 100 containing software applications) comprising a detachable transmitting function part and a receive function unit (as illustrated in Fig. 10 with a

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transmitter and a receiver; and in Fig. 8 with a wireless radio communication 90 with antenna 92) can be removed or inserted into the body of the cellular phone 50 and by the mounting and demounting of a transmitting function part, software can be updated accordingly to a transmission system, for instance, to cope with different communication systems (see col. 3/line 52 to col. 4/line 23).

Thompson does not further address the step of wherein said detachable transmitting function part “conditions a transmission frequency signal received from said transmitting circuit”; however, Toya teaches a same technique that a mobile phone 3 including a wireless detachable transmitting part (Fig. 1 with a detachable transmitting part 4), and the transmitter 4 conditions the transmission frequency signal as the detachable part connected and removed from the mobile phone 3 as the transmission level detector 10 detects the voice signals picked up from microphone 15 and amplifies it using amplifier 9 before transmitting the signals using antenna 1 (Fig. 1 & 2 and col. 2/lines 30-62). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Thompson’s system with Toya’s disclosed technique in providing a detachable transmitter in order to provide a convenient mobile telephone set that conditions a transmission frequency signal as the detachable transmitting part is reconfigured afresh in relation to the mounting and demounting of the transmitting part as taught by Toya, i.e., whether the user places the transmitter part attached or detached to the mobile device (col. 7/lines 50-62). This is also served as a motivation for having a detachable transmitting part within the mobile telephone device.

As for claim 9, in further view of claim 8 above, Thompson further discloses “wherein the predetermined software program is selected from a plurality of software programs stored in a memory in the portable telephone set”, i.e., a resident memory in the portable set contains a plurality of predetermined application software and programs (Fig. 7/item 84 or Fig. 8/item 284, and col. 10/lines 23-65).

As for claim 10, refer to claim 2 and 4 above.

As for claim 11, in further view of claim 8 above, Thompson discloses “wherein said transmission function unit comprises one of a plurality of transmission function units each performing a different frequency band operation”, i.e., different frequency band operation is programmed in different application modules containing transmission function units, for instance, to cope with a PBX communication system or to a cellular communication system (col. 15/line 15 to col. 16/line 35 for different portions of frequency spectrum are used for different systems and protocols).

As for claim 12 and 15, in further view of claim 9 above, Thompson discloses “comprising a receive processing unit” (Fig. 10/item 104), “wherein the plurality of software programs are stored in a software source memory, one of the plurality of software programs is selected and down-loaded and an operation of the receive processing unit is defined by the down-loaded software program”, i.e., Thompson teaches that a plurality of software programs are stored in a software source memory or a program memory 184 and one of them is selected and downloaded to a resident memory 84 or 284 and then the operation of the receive processing unit is performed based on the downloaded software or the application program accordingly (col. 14/line 45 to col. 15/line 14).

As for claim 14, in further view of claim 8 above, Thompson discloses “wherein the transmission function unit comprises a software memory for storing one of a plurality of software programs each adapted to each transmission function unit, the predetermined software program being defined by loading the software program from the software memory in the mounted transmission function unit”, i.e., Thompson teaches that a plurality of software programs are stored in a software source memory or a program memory 184 and one of them is selected and downloaded to a resident memory 84 or 284 and then the operation of the receive

processing unit is performed based on the defined downloaded software or the application program accordingly (col. 14/line 45 to col. 15/line 14).

As for claims 17 and 19 Thompson and Toya do not further include “a wide-band transmitting circuit” within the portable telephone set; however, the Examiner takes an official notice that this is known in the art for having a wide-band transmitting circuit for handling multiple frequency bands for transmission purposes to different systems.

As for claims 21-28, these claims are rejected for the reasons given in the scope of claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-20 as disclosed above, not limited to the cited paragraphs of Thompson and Toya but also to the entire disclosure of them.

4. Claims 5 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,465,401) in view of Toya as in claims 1 and 8 above, and in view of Crnkovic et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,805).

Regarding claims 5 and 13, in further view of claims 1 and 8, Thompson disclose a detachable module 100 comprising a transceiver 104, but Thompson does not further disclose “wherein the detachable module comprises one of a power amplifier, a transmission signal filter and an isolator” and “wherein the transmission function unit includes an amplifier, a transmission signal filter and an isolator”; however, in a transmitting section of a portable telephone set, the transmitting section is known to include a power amplifier, a transmission signal filter and an isolator. In fact, Crnkovic teaches a same technique to include a power amplifier 113, a transmission signal filter 112 and an isolator 115 in transmitter section 101 (Fig. 1, and col. 7/line 63 to col. 8/line 14 as attenuator 115 is a TDK isolator). Therefore, it would have been obvious to modify Thompson’s transceiver circuit with Crnkovic’s detailed components of a transmitter section comprising one of a power amplifier, a transmission signal filter and an isolator within the detachable module as means for matching or replacing appropriate transmitting section parts accordingly due to power adjustments to different

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transmission systems as suggested by Crnkovic with the benefits of comprising one of a transmit filter, a power amplifier and an isolator or attenuator (col. 1/lines 25-50, col. 6/line 66 to col. 7/line 35 , and col. 7/line 63 to col. 8/line 14).

Conclusion

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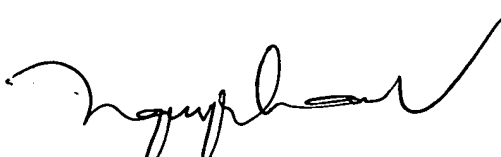
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